

He has an exceptional ability to put a human face on complicated health issues.

Throughout his career, Dr. Munzer has dedicated his life to helping and inspiring those around him. It is clear from his achievements that he is truly committed to making a difference in the lives of others. Dr. Munzer has given his time graciously, not only lending his expertise to the Congress but also caring for his patients at the Washington Adventist Hospital and teaching medical students at Georgetown University. I am grateful for his service and commend him for his dedication to helping others.

Congress is wiser and the American people are healthier thanks to Dr. Munzer.

It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting Dr. Munzer for his outstanding achievements and to congratulate him for receiving the prestigious honor granted him by the American Lung Association.

AMERICA'S LOT SHOULD BE CAST WITH TAIWAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, not so many years ago, an inspiring U.S. President, John F. Kennedy, gave heart not only to our people but to those living under the sickle and boot of Communism in eastern and central Europe. In a moment that history will remember always, he stood in West Berlin, an island of democracy in a sea of totalitarianism. He championed for the world the cause of freedom with the proud boast, "Ich bin ein Berliner." I am a Berliner.

Today, as this Congress stands on the verge of voting on permanent trade privileges to Communist China, it is incumbent upon us to remind ourselves of Taiwan, the only outpost for democracy in the Pacific Rim. Does mainland China, a Communist nation, whose human rights record is deteriorating, really deserve a blank check from this Congress of the United States? There is not one iota of indication that that totalitarian regime has any respect for liberty's cause.

President Kennedy, on June 25, 1963, at the City Hall in West Berlin said, "I am proud to come to this city as the guest of your distinguished Mayor, who has symbolized throughout the world the fighting spirit of West Berlin, and your distinguished Chancellor. Two thousand years ago, the proudest boast was 'civis Romanus sum.' I am a Roman. Today the proudest boast is, 'Ich bin ein Berliner.'"

"There are many people in the world who really don't understand, or say they don't, what is the great issue between the free world and the Communist world? Let them come to Berlin."

And I might say today, for freedom lovers, they should say, let them come to Taiwan.

"There are some who say that communism is the wave of the future." He said, "Let them come to Berlin."

"There are some who say in Europe and elsewhere we can work with the Communists. Let them come to Berlin. And there are even a few who say that it's true that communism is an evil system, but it permits us to make economic progress. Let them come to Berlin."

"Freedom has many difficulties and democracy is not perfect, but we have never had to put a wall up to keep our people in, to prevent them from leaving us." He said, "I know of no town, no city that has been besieged for 18 years that still lives with the vitality and the force and hope and the determination of the City of West Berlin." And I would say today that that is true of Taiwan.

"While the wall was the most obvious and vivid demonstration of the failures of the Communist system for all the world to see, we took no satisfaction in it. What is true of that city," he said, "is true of Germany. Real and lasting peace in Europe can never be assured as long as one German out of four is denied the elementary right of free men, and that is to make a free choice."

"In 18 years of peace and good faith, this generation of Germans has earned the right to be free." He said, "You live in a defended island of freedom, but your life is a part of the main. So let me ask you," he said, "as I close, to lift your eyes beyond the dangers of today to the hopes of tomorrow, beyond the freedom merely of this City of Berlin, or your country of Germany, to the advance of freedom everywhere, beyond the wall to the day of peace with justice, beyond yourselves and ourselves to all mankind."

"Freedom is indivisible, and when one man is enslaved, all are not free. When all are free, then we can look forward to the day when this city will be joined as one, and this country, and this great continent of Europe in a peaceful and hopeful globe. When that day finally comes, as it will, the people of West Berlin can take sober satisfaction in the fact that they were in the front line for almost two decades. All free men, wherever they may live," he said, "are citizens of Berlin, and, therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words 'Ich bin ein Berliner.'"

Today, as we embark upon a debate on China, America should aspire to no less an ideal than our forbearers who carried the torch of liberty with no fear of the cost. America's lot should be cast with Taiwan as the democratic hope of the Pacific Rim. All free men and women, wherever they may live, are citizens of Taiwan. And, therefore, as a free citizen, I take pride in opposing any special trade privileges for Communist China. There is no other choice for freedom lovers.

DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR AMERICA, NOT WHAT IS RIGHT FOR POLITICAL REASONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) is recognized for 10 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I heard an interesting talk by one of the Senators from the State of Utah wherein he talked about his service in the White House under the Nixon years. What I found interesting about it was that he talked about the days of Watergate, and he said the thing that was feared the most in the White House was the Attorney General's office.

Now, I find that very interesting that the Attorney General's office was feared by the President and the President's cabinet. Well, now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that we have an interesting situation going on in a little island down by Puerto Rico. It is called Vieques. Vieques has been a training island for many, many years for the Navy and the Marines.

In fact, that is where they get their final test. That is where they go, before they are deployed to the Persian Gulf or some other hostile place. They go down there and the Marines hit the beach. And as they do, there is fire from those ships, live fire over their heads. Then we have a situation where actual fighter planes come in and strafe, and then bombers go in. And they do all this as the final preparation before we put all these fine young people in harm's way.

It is interesting that the Eisenhower went out untrained. They did not have the ability to do it. And now the Washington, another aircraft carrier, is going out untrained without the ability to do it. Why is this? It is because we had a very interesting situation occur. A number of people went in and invaded that base. A United States military base. They invaded it.

Now, what should happen there? Obviously, what should happen, the Marines and the Navy should kick them off and turn them over to the Justice Department. And the Justice Department, at that point, should prosecute them for what they have done.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think a lot of people realize that in the United States there are 48 States that have live fire. What if some environmental group or others went in and took it over? Do we stand by and say they can have a vote, and if they vote right, we would give them \$40 million, like we do there? I hardly believe it.

So, Mr. Speaker, I have written the Attorney General, as a member of the Committee on Armed Services, and I have asked the question, what is the Attorney General doing to take these people off, who are nothing more than trespassers? The answer to that is that they have done nothing.